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Carnforth.

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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER**  
OF  
**HEALTH**

Year ended 31st December  
1946.



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COUNCIL.

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Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 14 (3) of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1926, I beg to present to you my ANNUAL REPORT, for 1946, as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District.

This is an Ordinary Report, and is on the lines indicated in Circular 18/47 of the Ministry of Health, dated 18/3/47.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES A. TOMB,  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H

1947.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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### MEDICAL :

JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health

### OTHERS :

FRED HOLT, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., Sanitary Inspector  
(part time).

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*(Information relating to the Area and the circumstances  
of the year).*

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### General Statistics.

Area ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1,504 Acres
Population (Census 1931),	3,193.				1946	... ...	... ...	3,336
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1946 according to Rate								
Book ..	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	914
Rateable Value	.. ..	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	£16,407
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£66

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### SOCIAL CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS.

The social conditions are very satisfactory. The inhabitants are Railway and Rural workers.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year.

	Total	M	F	
Live Births	Legitimate	58	38	20
	Illegitimate	3	2	1
	Total	...	61	40 21
				Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... ... 18.2
Still Births	...	...	2	—
				Rate per 1,000. (live & still) Births ... 31.
Deaths	...	...	37	17 20
				Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 11.0
<b>Deaths from Puerperal causes—</b>				
Puerperal Sepsis...	...	—		—
Other Puerperal Causes...	—			—
Total	...	...	—	—
<b>Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age</b>				
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	...	16.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...	...	...	17.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...	...	...	—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	1
„ „ Measles „	...	...	...	—
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	—
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	—

## Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1946.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths (The number of deaths classified should agree with the total supplied by the Registrar General)			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
1—5								
5—10		1		1				
10—15								
15—20					1			
20—25					1			
25—35	3	1			1			
35—45	1							
45—55	1							
Totals	5	2	1		3			
	<u>7</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>3</u>			

### Causes of Death.

	Male		Female
Cancer	...	...	...
Diabetes	...	...	1
Digestive Diseases	...	...	...
Heart Disease	...	4	5
Other Diseases of Circ. System	...	1	2
Influenza	...	1	...
Bronchitis	...	2	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	3	1
Ac. Inf. Enceph.	...	...	...
Ac: & Chr - Nephritis	...	...	...
Premature Birth	...	...	...
Malformations, Birth	...	...	...
Injuries, & Infantile Diseases	...	1	...
Violent Causes	...	1	...
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	...	1	6
All other causes	...	...	4
Total...	17		20

**Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during  
the year 1946.**

DISEASE.	Total Cases All Ages	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.								HOSPITAL.		
		Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria, (including Membranous Croup)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonsillitis notified as Diphtheria ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Total... 1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...

Disinfectants have been supplied in all cases.

2 houses have been fumigated.

**Diphtheria Immunisation.**

Free Immunisation Sessions are held periodically for children up to 15 years, at the Lancashire County Council School Clinic.

No. of Children immunised during 1946:

1. Pre School Children ...	40
2. School Children ...	4

No. of Children completely immunised to date:

1. Pre School ... ...	124
2. School ... ...	859

Prophylactic used ... ... A. P. T.

Supplied by the Bacteriological Laboratory, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

Administered in two doses at monthly intervals.

The following table shows the position in regard to the number of children immunised against Diphtheria since the beginning of the year 1941.

Persons inoculated each year from 1941—46.

Age in years on 31st Dec. of the corresponding year.	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	Total inoculated under 5 years on 31/12/46
Under 1	2	1	4	1	4	—	124
1	16	12	19	23	19	31	
2	21	8	5	6	6	3	
3	22	6	2	1	1	3	
4	34	3	4	3	5	3	
5	27	3	6	—	3	1	
6	36	2	—	—	2	—	
7	35	4	—	1	1	2	
8	42	1	—	—	1	1	
9	33	5	—	—	1	—	359
10	34	1	—	—	—	—	
11	33	3	—	—	1	—	
12	39	1	—	3	—	—	
13	38	—	—	—	—	—	
14	4	—	—	—	—	—	
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total each year ...	416	50	40	41	44	44	152
							Grand Total— 635

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority.

Carnforth is one of the constituent authorities to the Lancaster and District Joint Hospital Board for Infectious Diseases.

## Ambulance Facilities.

### (a) FOR INFECTIOUS CASES.

Infectious Cases are removed to the Lancaster & District Joint Hospital in Motor Ambulance belonging to the said Hospital.

### (b) FOR NON-INFECTIOUS & ACCIDENT CASES.

These cases are dealt with by the Police Ambulance owned by the Lancaster Corporation.

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## Summary (for reference) of Nursing Institutions available for the District.

### PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

There are no Private Nursing Homes in the District from which Nurses can be obtained, the nearest being at Ulverston.

There is available a District Nurse, supplied by the Carnforth Nursing Association, a Voluntary Association, affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nursing. The District Nurse carries out the duties of District Midwife.

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### INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, ILLEGITIMATE INFANTS & HOMELESS CHILDREN.

There is no special provision for these in the District.

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The Lancashire County Council have provided a School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre at 21, Market Street, Carnforth.

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## Sewers & Sewage.

The Sewage from the main part of the District is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge is used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water-cart through a twelve-inch valve down the manholes.

The whole of the built up area in the Crag Bank District is now sewered. The sewerage is dealt with by means of disposal plants consisting of screening chambers, settling tanks and filter beds.

The present state of the Closet accommodation in the district is as follows :

Privy Middens, No. of Middens	...	...	29
No. of Closets attached to these Middens	...	...	29
No. of Pail Closets	...	...	Nil
No. of Fresh Water Closets	...	...	837
No. of Waste Water Closets	...	...	48
No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens)	...	...	1
No. of Moveable Ashbins for Refuse	...	...	922

#### Conversions during the year 1946 :

No. of Privy Closets to Fresh Water W.C.'s	...	Nil
No. of Privies, situate within the Council's present Sewage System	...	Nil
No. of Houses at which Moveable Ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles	...	Nil

The Council have decided to abolish all privy middens within the Council's present sewage scheme.

### Scavenging.

The collection of House Refuse is carried out by the Council's own staff for the greater portion of the district, the outlying farmers etc., dealing with their own refuse.

The Refuse is disposed of on the Tipping ground purchased for that purpose.

The number of receptacles emptied are :

	Dwelling Houses					
Bins ...	...	...	...	...	...	884
Ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	30
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Total...914						

#### Churches, Schools, Post Office, etc.

	..	..	..	..	..	38
Bins ...	..	..	..	..	..	0
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Total...38						

### Sanitary Inspections.

Number of Premises Visited, 138.

Defects or Nuisances, number discovered, 138 ; number abated 130.

Number of Notices served (informal), 138.

Statutory, Nil

Legal proceedings, Nil.

### Eradication of bed bugs.

No houses were found to be infested.

## **Factories & Workshops.**

The different Factories & Workshops have been regularly inspected, and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition, and answer the requirements of the Act.

### **BAKEHOUSES.**

There are 3 Bakelhouses in the District, all are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

- The Workshops & Factories are as follow :

Bakers & Confectioners ...	..	...	...	3
Boot & Shoe Repairers ...	...	...	...	4
Blacksmiths ..	...	...	..	1
Coach Builders ...	...	...	..	2
Dressmakers, etc.	...	...	..	5
Gas Works	...	...	...	1
Printers ...	...	...	...	1
Saw-mill & Joinery works	...	...	...	3
				<hr/>
Total...	20			

### **SLAUGHTERHOUSES.**

There are 3 Slaughterhouses in the District, one being of modern construction, the remaining 2 being corrugated iron and wooden structures. Slaughtering for this district, for Meat Marketing Board, is carried out at Lancaster.

### **COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.**

The Dairies and Cowsheds have been inspected, and periodical lime-washing carried out.

### **LODGINGHOUSES.**

There is no common lodginghouse in the district.

### **SCHOOLS.**

The Sanitary condition and Water Supply of the Public Elementary Schools are good.

## 4.—Housing.

### (a) STATISTICS.

#### NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR:

(a)	Total (including numbers given separately under (b) ...	6
(i)	By the local authority .. ... ..	Nil
(ii)	By other local authorities... .. .. ..	Nil
(iii)	By other bodies or persons .. .. ..	6
(b)	WITH STATE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS :	
(i)	By the local authority (included under (a) (i) above) .. .. .. .. ..	Nil
(ii)	By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (iii) above) .. .. .. .. ..	Nil

#### 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1) (a)	Total number of Dwelling-Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... .. .. .. .. ..	138
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	378
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932. ... .. .. .. ..	16
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	58
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... .. .. .. ..	Nil
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	Nil

#### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

##### WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. .. .. ..

180

#### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

##### (a) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936:

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ... .. .. ..	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—	Nil

Housing—*continued.*

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	Nil			
(b) PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS:						
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	...	122
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:						
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	Nil			
(c) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 & 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936:						
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	..	Nil
(d) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936:						
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	..	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936.—PART IV.—OVERCROWDING:—

(a) (i)	Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

No survey of overcrowding has been made since 1937.

## Housing Conditions.

### 1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AS TO HOUSING CONDITIONS :

459 Cottage type and 286 Parlour type built in rows mostly about the year 1880, good standard for that period and generally sound.

168 Detached and Semi-detached, modern good standard and generally sound.

There are no serious defects in any of the properties which would demand service of demolition notice.

There are no back-to-back houses.

During the year the Council commenced the erection of 78 new Houses

### 2 FITNESS OF HOUSES.

There is no insanitary property in the area.

### 3 UNHEALTHY AREAS.

No part of the area is scheduled as unhealthy.

### 4 BYELAWS.

The existing byelaws appear to be adequate and no difficulty has presented itself.

5 The housing administration appears to be generally satisfactory.

## Nuisances.

Defective Ashpits	...	...	...	99
Defective Drains and Sinks	...	...	...	4
General Defects	...	...	...	27
Defective Roofs and Walls	...	...	...	5
Defective Cesspools	...	...	...	2
Defective Privy...	...	...	...	1

Total...138

378 visits have been paid inspecting nuisances and work in progress.

## Water Supply.

The water is obtained from the Carnforth Water Company's Reservoir, situate at Whithets, capacity 70,000,000 gallons. The supply is constant.

The nature of the gathering ground is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature and therefore is good for domestic purposes.

Owing to the position of the gathering ground the water is liable to animal pollution.

The Water Company have provided an effective and modern chlorination and filtration plant.

Samples for bacteriological analyses are taken regularly. The Reports have been consistently good.

The outlying farms and cottages are dependant upon springs and wells.

No. of houses using Water Company's piped			
supply direct to houses	...	...	901

No. of houses using Rain and Well water	...	13
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(Signed), JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

